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EXPECT NIGHT RAMP CLOSURES ON I-75 SOUTH AT EXIT 336 IN WHITFIELD COUNTY

DALTON, Ga. – The Georgia Department of Transportation (DOT) is advising motorists on I-75 in Whitfield County of night lane and ramp closures, scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, July 15 and 16, 2014. The outside southbound lane and the exit ramp of I-75 at Rocky Face will be closed from 9 p.m. until 6:30 a.m. each night, to allow for setting the beams of the new southbound bridge. A detour for the closed southbound ramp at Exit 336 will be in place to redirect traffic to Exit 333, SR 52, to I-75 North, to northbound ramp at Exit 336, and onto US 41.

This bridge work is part of a Georgia DOT project to reconstruct the interchange of I-75 and US 41, also known as the Rocky Face Interchange, in Whitfield County. The project includes the construction of a total of four bridges and installation of video detection system. Work on this project began late September 2013. The entire project is expected to be completed by the end of June 2016, at a construction cost of nearly \$34 million.

"Georgia DOT wants to constrict traffic flow in this area as little as possible, but delays at times are almost unavoidable," said DeWayne Comer, district engineer at the DOT office in Cartersville. "We have made every effort to minimize the impact this construction project has on the heavy traffic in the area. Informing the public in advance of construction work; working at night; and scheduling the road closures after the evening rush hour, and reopening the roadway before the morning rush hour are only a few examples of these efforts," he added.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

The Georgia Department of Transportation continues its RoadWorks construction program. Dozens of important roadway improvement projects are ongoing throughout the state as we work to deliver projects on time and on budget while keeping our transportation network the nation's finest. Pardon the necessary inconvenience and please drive cautiously and safely at all times, especially in work zones. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaDOT-Northwest) and Twitter.com/GDOTNW).

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